

COT Adopted FY16 – FY21 Capital Transportation Program Executive Summary

The Delaware Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Council on Transportation (COT) is pleased to present the adopted FY16 – FY21 Capital Transportation Program (CTP).

This plan represents the proposed capital investments for the next six years starting in FY2016.

Funding:

During the 147th Legislative Session, various revenue options were discussed for the department. In the end, the General Assembly adopted a FY2015 Capital Budget that authorized the department to increase weekend tolls on SR1 by a dollar, which is estimated to generate an additional \$10M per year and to borrow \$20M in FY2015.

Needs:

Based on the state's existing transportation asset inventory, there is an ever increasing demand on available funding to maintain the current system in a state of good repair.

- There is a need to invest additional DelDOT resources to keep up with aging infrastructure
- The average bridge in Delaware is more than 40 years old.
- Maintaining the bridges on I-95 alone will require a \$160M investment over the next 10 years
- Large Corrugated Metal Pipes that were installed in the 1990s to act as bridges under numerous state roads are continuing to corrode and fail forcing DelDOT to close roads and undertake repairs
- An additional \$20M over the next 5 years is necessary to replace the existing Corrugated Metal Pipes
- Aging sign structures and other assets in the inventory are also requiring an increased investment

Impact on other Capital Projects:

As a result of the need to increase investment in the existing transportation system to maintain a state of good repair and declining revenues to the department, there are fewer funds available for other capital projects that would provide for system expansion and new operational benefits. The necessary reallocation of the available resources to provide for the continued state of good repair to the existing system has resulted in the unavoidable delay of some projects. In the proposed FY16 to FY21 Capital Transportation Plan there are a total of 45 projects that have lost funding in at least one phase of the project. These projects have been identified in the *Proposed FY16 – FY21 Capital Transportation Program Proposed Implantation Plan* that can be found on this website.